

Assemblymember Christine Kehoe



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Kehoe Bills for 2002

Last year was a busy one at the Capitol. The most important thing I can do as an Assemblymember is represent San Diego and the people in my district – that was my focus in 2002. I'm proud to report that many of my bills were signed into law last year, including:

- The San Diego River Conservancy bill, which will develop a master plan to conserve, restore and enhance the river. Governor Davis committed \$12 million from Proposition 13 and 40 funds to help restore this waterway.
- A bill that designates the portion of I-163 that runs through Balboa Park as a 'Historic Parkway'.
- My "junk fax" bill which protects Californians from having their fax machines hijacked by junk fax advertisers, making it illegal for advertisers to send unsolicited fax advertisements unless the recipient agrees in advance to receive them ("opt-in"). Prior to the passage of the bill, Californians junk faxers could send sales pitch after sales pitch in over anyone's home or business machine, eating their fax paper, toner, time, and more. And...
- My "model school project" bill which will help address the housing crises by bringing together education, housing, community services, labor, commerce and recreation all in one development project in City Heights.

If you're interested in learning more about these or any other bills, you can go to www.leginfo.gov and search for bills by bill number, author or keywords.

Vote on California's New Quarter Design

Over the past few years you've undoubtedly noticed some unusual coins in your pocket – quarters a bit different than the ones we grew up with. The U.S. Mint has been introducing quarters with designs specific to each of our 50 states. Now it's California's turn.

Thousands of people from all over our great state have submitted designs to the California Quarter Program. From more than eight thousand submissions received between September 9, 2002 and November 9, 2002 the California Quarter Selection Committee has narrowed it down to twenty California-inspired semi-finalists!

The Selection Committee and Governor Davis believe it's important that the public weigh-in on the new design, and encourages you to review the images and choose the one you would consider the best representation of California. To vote on the new quarter design, go to <http://134.186.46.107/>. Simply mark your preference and then click the **Submit** button near the bottom of the page.

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Join me at the Martin Luther King Day Parade

Over three decades after his death, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. continues to be a leader for San Diegans on how to build a better world without discrimination. Today's laws forbidding discrimination in employment, education, and housing have their genesis in the civil rights movement. His work and commitment hastened the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Dr. King was a voice for all people who sought freedom – freedom for themselves and freedom for others.

Please join me in celebrating the anniversary of Dr. King's birth. Thousands of San Diegans, including other elected officials and community leaders, will commemorate Dr. King's life by participating in our city's annual celebration.

The Martin Luther King Day parade, featuring marching bands and floats, starts at 10 a.m., Saturday, January 18 from the County Administration Center and continues south on Harbor Drive to Seaport Village. For more information, call (619) 264-0542.

Congrats to the Winner of my 5th Grade Essay Contest Winner

In recognition of Red Ribbon Week, I invited every 5th grader in my district to participate in an essay contest on "The Importance of Living a Tobacco-Free Life".

It was very difficult picking a winner for this essay contest – I received so many special and well thought-out essays. But, it wouldn't be a contest if *everyone* won -- so I had to pick a winner. The winning essay was thoughtful and poetic.

At an assembly with her classmates, teacher and mom, I presented the first-place winner, Sonia Licon of Darnall Elementary, with a Certificate of Recognition and a digital camera.

Congratulations Sonia, for your fantastic essay and for acting as a role model to your fellow classmates!

You may view a picture of Sonia at the Assembly at my website, <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a76/>, by clicking on **Photo Gallery**.

San Diego Activities

Over the next several days, San Diego will be bursting with countless entertaining activities for people of all ages. You don't have to be a football fan to take advantage of all the events that will be happening. The Multicultural Festival, "Bowl With the Pros" Celebrity Bowling, Cultural Arts Bowl and Festival, Super Celebrity Bash, Jamie Foxx and Friends at Spreckels Theatre, and LegoLand's Family Huddle are just some of the fun-filled things happening around San Diego.

For more information on all of the events that are going on in our great city, go to <http://interapp.sannet.gov/lnetLoader?class=org.sddpc.secal.pubpage.WeekList>.

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